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Inventor: Carley)
Serial No.: 09/583,386 ✓) Examiner: Erik Kielin
Filing Date: May 30, 2000) Art Unit: 2813
Entitled: MANUFACTURING OF MEMS STRUCTURE IN SEALED CAVITY
USING DRY-RELEASE MEMS DEVICE ENCAPSULATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO SECOND FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the final office action dated November 13, 2002 in the above-referenced U.S. patent application. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed under section 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The Applicant requests the entry of the following amendments:

In the Claims:

- Please re-write claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of fabricating a microstructure in a sealed cavity comprising the steps of:
providing a substrate;
forming a microstructure composed of a structural material on said substrate, said microstructure being secured to said substrate by a first layer of sacrificial material;